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STARTLING EXPLOSION AT POWDER WORKS

Two of Hamilton Powder Co.'s Buildings Are Completely Destroyed

Nanaimo, Dec. 23.—An explosion on Sunday morning at the Hamilton Powder company's works at Departure Bay completely destroyed two of the mixing buildings and did considerable damage around the works, twisting roofs into grotesque shapes, bulging out eads and doors and doing other damage.

The loss will be about \$20,000, and will be repaired within a month's time.

The explosion was felt in Vancouver and New Westminster. At Ladysmith it was felt as strongly as in Nanaimo. Of the buildings destroyed not a stick remains to indicate where they stood. They disappeared as if by magic, being practically blown into fine dust. Fortunately no one was hurt, the only casualty being a mule, that was hit at about a mile away with a piece of lead.

The explosion is supposed to have been caused by the heating apparatus setting fire to some of the explosives. The explosion occurred at 5 o'clock in the morning, and the vibration was so heavy as to thoroughly arouse and terrify the town. There were two explosions within about a second's interval of time between them.

New Westminster, Dec. 23.—The shock resulting from the explosion at the Hamilton Powder company's works at Departure Bay was distinctly felt in this city, many of the uphill residents being awakened by hearing the doors and windows rattling. Throughout the early part of the day, the theory that an earthquake had occurred was expressed by almost every one who had noticed the tremor. From Departure Bay to this city is about forty miles in a direct line.

Local Manager's Statement.

R. J. Scott, local manager of the Hamilton Powder company, left on Sunday morning for the scene of the disaster and returned yesterday at noon.

He states that the damage will amount to some \$10,000 at the outside. Two buildings were destroyed, both separators. The sharp report heard in Vancouver was caused by the explosion of some nitro-glycerine in the second separator.

No one was injured, and while the firm's loss was heavy, its loss of business would not be great. A new plant

CITY AND PROVINCIAL BOARDS JOINTLY ACT

Will Thoroughly Investigate Question of James Bay Flats Dump

(From Wednesday's Daily)

After nearly an hour and a half discussion on the question of whether or not the city "dump" on the James Bay flats is a menace to the public health, the city board of health, at the meeting of which Dr. C. J. Eagan, secretary of the provincial board of health, was present last night, decided to adopt the suggestion of the latter, the city engineer and the city health officer, Dr. Robertson, will in conjunction with Dr. Eagan, go into the matter of the "dump" and will submit a report.

The meeting was characterized by a great deal of talk about the possible spread of bacteria with the exception of Dr. Robertson and Dr. Eagan, was more or less beyond the comprehension of the members, but the determination arrived at showed that the meeting was not without effect. Dr. Eagan, in his address, the mayor for the purpose of ascertaining what the latter meant when he, at a recent meeting of the council, declared that he would investigate the "dump" had been actuated in his campaign against the city dump, was answered by Mayor Morley, who heard to state in private conversation that he was adverse to the mayor as an occupant of the chief magistracy's chair, and, second, that Dr. Eagan's hostile attitude had been shown by the fact that at a recent meeting of the anti-tuberculosis society he had asked Alderman Dr. Lewis Hall to attend such meeting and state his stand towards the movement to substitute the white plague, Mayor Morley, it appears, was not invited, an oversight which appeared to occasion him dissatisfaction.

In opening the meeting Mayor Morley called upon Dr. Eagan, who, in rising to speak, stated that he did not know whether this was the time to call for an explanation of the innuendoes which he understood Mayor Morley has seen fit to level towards himself.

The mayor thought the meeting had been called for the purpose of discussing health matters and he did not think that there was time to consider "squabbles."

Dr. Eagan's Statement.

Dr. Eagan, in presenting the opinion of the provincial board of health on the present condition of the James Bay dump, said he was here to consider the conditions existing on James Bay flats. I hope we will discuss this question without introducing any prejudice and let the first consideration be what is best for the community.

My information is that all kinds of garbage including night soil has been deposited on the flats. I have directed the disposal of a comparatively short time, rotten fish deposited. Further I have personal knowledge of the character of the material deposited, having seen loads of fish taken directly from Chinatown and dumped.

The dump is about ten or twelve feet deep and is situated on a level over by mud swept from the streets.

This then brings in the condition and the question of the health of the community in these conditions in the interest of the health of the community?

I note your health officer says he does not see the connection between public health and "that certain chemical changes were going on in the mass of garbage which is being which would produce to it an innocuous mass."

I entirely disagree with both of these opinions and will not here overburden you with my reasons, and think it better to advance opinions on similar questions to authorities on sanitation.

But first I will remind Dr. Robertson that he admits tracing a case of infectious disease to conditions at the flats.

One case is one too many, and if there were many more, it would be more. Life must not be trifled with and therein lies our responsibility.

But it is not alone because infectious diseases may possibly arise from these conditions that the Provincial Board calls for remedying the present state, it is because the health of the community is at stake.

The intimate relations existing between the atmosphere of the dump and our health, and the marked influence of the soil on the life and well-being of man, are now fully recognized.

A New York Authority.

In support of this statement, I beg to quote the following paragraphs from a pamphlet issued by the department of health of New York City.

"The natural capacity of the soil to decompose and reduce organic matter is some time taxed to its utmost by the introduction into the soil of excremental matters in quantities which the soil is unable to oxidize in a given period. This is called contamination or pollution of soil."

"The organic impurities and bacteria found in large cities, and are a great cause of the evil influence of soil upon health. The impurities are allowed to drain into the ground, to pollute the ground-water and the source of water-supply, and to poison the ground-air, loading it with bacteria and products of putrefaction, thus contaminating the air and water via from soil, ground air, sewer gases, etc."

"The air, without which we cannot live more than a few minutes, has a great influence on the health of man, its self-evident. The physical condition of the air, the temperature, pressure, humidity, motion, relative content of one or the other of its constituents, and the amount of water vapor, all have a marked influence on the health, life and longevity of man. The air, if it is impure, has a direct bad effect on health, and is capable of producing certain diseases."

An English Authority.

Again, Goodrich, an English authority in the work entitled "Disposal of town's refuse" says:

"In the past, the air has too often been the watchword, not sanitation, and in too many instances the destruction of refuse by fire has been avoided

as a luxury, quite unnecessary while the public health. Street refuse, though times unreasonable (distance can be obtained for tipping."

And, in discussing the process of purification which nature's great laboratory, the earth, effects, he says: "That will be the case with the refuse either within or just without city boundaries, but the question is, for what purposes, expecting that the deposit will in some mysterious way surmount the country."

"Again, speaking of certain towns to which Victoria might be added he says:

"In Geneva the refuse is carried and deposited on a piece of land, too often in close proximity to dwelling houses. One cannot but regret to see the establishment and maintenance of such deposits."

The practice followed in Ostend until now has been the same as in other Belgian towns. It consists simply in leaving the refuse to purify itself in the soil, and, when the depth, or using it for filling up holes, or else depositing it in heaps in the surrounding country.

"The consequences, from a public health point of view, of this deplorable practice need not be mentioned here."

"Tipping has been rightly styled a wretched relic of antiquity—a miserable habit, the worst of the worst. That it is the oldest method of disposal, no one will dispute. It was not until the late nineteenth century, when a primitive man was not gifted with a very acute nervous organization and the facility with which he could change his residence, that the reason to grumble at accumulations of filth. He could get away from the filth, but now, in our cities, the filth does not move so easily and so frequently, when so many of our cities and towns are so densely populated, the condition of the filth matters which are brought up and once and for all removed, from the people."

"Tipping on land or tipping in water will not do; they do not meet the case; they are not final; they fall short of the high sanitary standard in the time of Mose."

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BRAKEMAN KILLED

Two Firemen With Probably Fatal Injuries—Result of Collision Near Macleod

Fernie, Dec. 23.—As a result of a head-on collision on the C. P. R. at 8 o'clock this morning between two freight trains near Brocket, a brakeman was killed and two firemen were injured. The train from Macleod, Brakeman, and the train from Fernie, Conductor, were involved. The cause of the wreck is said to have been the failure of an operator to deliver orders to a train. It is understood that the operator's whereabouts is unknown as yet.

THREE YEARS IN PRISON

New Westminster, Dec. 24.—W. Munro, of Sumas, was yesterday sentenced to three years' imprisonment for driving a motor car on a highway in violation of the motor vehicle act. He was fined \$100 and costs, and sentenced to three months in the workhouse for failure to pay.

HEAVY CHRISTMAS MAILS

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Indications at the central post office are that an unusually heavy Christmas mail will be despatched and received. The various departments are thronged with waiting crowds, anxious to be served.

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"To my own experience of what I saw and smelled," replied Dr. Eagan, "I said that he was in accord with much of what Dr. Robertson had said, but that did not alter the question. Why are the sanitary authorities condemning such a state of affairs as exists at the James Bay flats? Why do you not go to the flats and establish a dump?"

Continuing, Dr. Eagan stated that he had endeavored to show how the authorities in every city of the civilized world were today condemning such a condition of affairs. The action of the city health board was absurd, he had endeavored to show how the authorities in every city of the civilized world were today condemning such a condition of affairs. The action of the city health board was absurd, he had endeavored to show how the authorities in every city of the civilized world were today condemning such a condition of affairs.

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